# California Medical Association

# NOTICES AND REPORTS

# **Council Meeting Minutes**

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 509th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Mark Hopkins Hotel, March 26-31, 1965.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson in the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, on Friday, March 26, 1965, at 4:00 p.m. and thereafter was recessed and reconvened on each of the succeeding days through March 31, 1965.

#### Roll Call

Present were President Doyle, President-Elect Teall, Speaker Quinn, Vice-Speaker Telford, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Dwight L. Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wilson, Todd, Gooel, Taw, Bullock, O'Connor, Ham, Rogers, Maguire, Murray, R. S. Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Fenlon, Kay, Kaiser, Anderson, Dozier, Grunigen, Shaw, and, ex-officio, Sherman.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Whelan, Klutch, Clark, Downing, Goldman, Moreillon, Blackley and Edwards and Mmes. Griffith and Redfern of CMA staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; Messrs. Read, Salisbury, Putnam and Brown of the Public Health League of California; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Lingerfelt of Fresno, Baker and Field of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Wood of San Mateo, Donovan and Pearce of Santa Clara, Brown and York of Sonoma, Bruce of Tulare and Whitehall of Stanislaus; Doctor Les-

ter McDonald of the State Department of Social Welfare; Doctor Harold Erickson of the State Department of Public Health; Mr. Robert Garrick, consultant; Doctor Paul Hoagland and Mr. Willis Babb of California Physicians' Service; Mr. John Pompelli of the American Medical Association; Mr. Dick Layton of AMPAC; Doctors Ivan C. Heron, Warren L. Bostick, Francis E. West, Thomas Elmendorf and others.

# 1. Minutes for Approval

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 508th meeting of the Council, held February 27, 1965, were voted approval.

#### 2. Membership

- (a) A report of membership as of March 23, 1965, was presented and ordered filed.
- (b) On motion duly made and seconded, ten applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Frederick M. Hebert, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Alice L. Garrett, Los Angeles County; Louis G. Neft, Fillmore Martin Wilt, Napa County; Ellen Brown, Courtney G. Clegg, Arthur Stone, David Werdegar, San Francisco County; Francis D. Riggs, San Joaquin County; John M. Boyer, Santa Clara County.
- (c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 24 members were voted Retired Membership. These were: Chester M. Vanderburgh, Fresno County; Teresa Lee McNeel, George E. Norwood, Irwin Rubell, Frederick P. Shafer, Los Angeles County; Gilbert Henry Johnson, San Bernardino County; William T. Ahern, Wilma G. Carmody, Louis Q. Dyer, Albert H. Lahman, C. Victor Lindsay, C. Ray Lounsberry, Solomon Malis, Ross Paull, Beryl C. Shearer, Ernest Thelen, Thomas S. Whitelock, San Diego County; Francis Scott Smyth, San Francisco County; Frank A. McGuire, Dewey R.

Powell, San Joaquin County; Clifford Jones, Nino E. Tamburello, Santa Barbara County; James Mc-Guire, M. L. Pindell, Siskiyou County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, reduction of dues was voted for 19 members for reasons of prolonged illness or postgraduate study.

#### 3. Business for 1965 House of Delegates

(a) A proposed Bylaw amendment to delineate the planning function of the Bureau of Research & Planning was submitted and discussed. A substitute amendment was also offered.

ACTION: Both proposed amendments tabled.

- (b) Resolutions submitted within less than seven days in advance of the first meeting of the House of Delegates were submitted and discussed, with the following results:
- 1. Resolution by Edgar Wayburn, San Francisco-re: Consultative services to government.

ACTION: Not approved for introduction into House of Delegates.

2. Resolution by Walter Brignoli, Napa—re: Legislative activities.

ACTION: Not approved for introduction into House of Delegates.

3. Resolution by Alameda-Contra Costa Delegation-re: CPS Payments.

ACTION: Approved for introduction into House of Delegates (Resolution 65-65).

4. Resolution by George Herzog, San Francisco -re: Medical education.

ACTION: Not approved but referred to Reference Committee No. 3B for information only.

5. Resolution by John T. McNally, San Joaquin -re: Voluntary health agencies.

ACTION: Not approved for introduction into House of Delegates.

6. Resolution by the Council—re: California Plan of Medical Assistance for the Aged.

ACTION: Approved for introduction into House of Delegates (Resolution 66-65).

7. Resolution by Malcolm C. Todd, Long Beach re: Federal legislation.

ACTION: Approved for introduction into House of Delegates (Resolution 67-65).

8. Resolution by Harold Kay, Oakland—re: Disaster Preparedness in California.

ACTION: Approved for introduction into House of Delegates (Resolution 68-65).

9. Resolution by Harold Kay, Oakland-re: Redefinition of Civil Defense.

ACTION: Approved for introduction into House of Delegates (Resolution 69-65).

10. Resolution by John F. Murray, Fresno—re: Federal Legislation.

ACTION: Approved for introduction into House of Delegates (Resolution 70-65).

(c) Report of ad hoc committee on composition of the House of Delegates.

ACTION: Report approved for submittal to House of Delegates.

(d) Resolution No. 44-65, introduced by the Council on the subject of size and format of the Council.

ACTION: Voted that language should be amended to read "committee to study" rather than "committee now studying."

#### 4. Committee on Committees

Chairman Teall recommended that the previous Council action approving the naming of two consultants for the Committee on Fees be rescinded and these consultants deleted from the list of nominees to be submitted to the House of Delegates.

ACTION: Voted to rescind earlier action and to delete from the list of committee nominees to be presented to the House of Delegates the names of two consultants to the Committee on Fees.

# 5. Bureau of Research & Planning

Chairman Sherman requested approval of a study by the Bureau of Research & Planning on the incidence and effectiveness of hospital utilization committees, the findings of which would be turned over to the Commission on Hospital Affairs proposed to be formed in a Bylaw amendment before the 1965 House of Delegates.

ACTION: Approved Bureau of Research & Planning study of the incidence and effectiveness of hospital utilization committees, the findings of such study to be delivered to the Commission on Hospital Affairs if such commission is formed.

ACTION: Voted to refer to Commission on Hospital Affairs, if formed, the proposal advanced by Councilor Taw in a letter to President Doyle that criteria for the determination of quality of medical care in hospitals and nursing homes be developed in cooperation with allied organizations.

ACTION: Voted to recommend to Commission on Hospital Affairs, if formed, that it urge all hospital medical staffs that they form and immediately activate hospital utilization committees.

#### 6. Report of President-Elect

President-Elect Teall reported on meetings he had attended recently and commented on the apparent acceptance of the philosophy of acceptance of health care of the aged under the Social Security program by medical students. Doctor Teall addressed a CMA conference of medical students in Los Angeles on March 14.

#### 7. Commission on Public Agencies

Chairman MacLaggan reported on a meeting with representatives of the State Department of Social Welfare at which decreases in the department budget recommended by the Legislative Analyst were discussed. The commission recommended that (1) the Association support the continuation of department studies of nursing home rates and the maintenance of personnel needed for this purpose, and (2) that State Government should support with budget funds to meet additional obligations and responsibilities voted by the Legislature.

ACTION: Commission recommendations approved as to (1) nursing home rate studies and (2) maintenance of a balance between obligations and budget allowances.

Doctor MacLaggan reported on the proposed budget reductions of the State Department of Mental Hygiene which would eliminate three Day Treatment Centers and also the Modesto State Hospital. The commission recommended that the Association support the retention of these facilities until adequate alternate facilities to handle the patients involved are developed.

ACTION: Voted to approve commission recommendations to retain three Day Treatment Centers and Modesto State Hospital under the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Doctor MacLaggan further reported on the consideration given to proposed budget reductions affecting the State Department of Public Health and reported the commission's recommendations for support of specified department items.

ACTION: Voted approval of commission recommendations for support of Department of Public Health budget requests for continuation of the bureau of vital statistics, personnel for the Division of Community Health Services, division of dental health, personnel for communicable disease studies in rabies and psittacosis, bureau of hospitals staff, bureau of occupational health, motor vehicle pollution control board and tuberculosis laboratory research and testing.

Doctor MacLaggan also reported receipt of a communication urging support of a Department of Public Health budget item of \$45,000 for retention of a program of prevention of blindness, including case-finding of retrolentil fibroplasia.

ACTION: Voted to support retention of program of blindness prevention program of State Department of Public Health.

#### 8. Commission on Community Health Services

Chairman Kay presented the commission's report on a number of items, some informative in character and others requiring Council consideration. The actions listed below were taken:

Action: Approved establishment of system of awards for organizations performing outstanding community service in the event of catastrophe or public service of meritorious character.

ACTION: Approved a recommendation that county medical societies offer their services in the health aspects of community programs under the Poverty Program.

ACTION: Voted referral to Commission on Public Agencies for study and report the recommendation that a strong statement in favor of family planning be developed and become Association policy.

ACTION: Voted transmittal to Committee on Legislation the opinion that identification of blood type on drivers' licenses, as proposed in Senate Bill 124, would be a needless duplication of effort.

ACTION: Voted approval for introduction into House of Delegates of two resolutions dealing with the definition of a disaster and the activities of the California Disaster Office.

ACTION: Voted authority for Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports to act as consultants to the California Interscholastic Federation and to urge that organization to utilize the Relative Value Studies as its basis of fee payments, rather than the Industrial Accident Commission schedule of minimum fees.

ACTION: Voted approval for the Committee on Traffic Safety to act in an advisory capacity to the State Department of Motor Vehicles until such time as a proposed advisory committee to the department director is named.

#### 9. Health Care of the Aged

Doctor Watts presented a proposed statement of the attitude of the Association on principles to be observed in the provision of health care of the aged through government.

ACTION: Statement approved and authorized for distribution to the press.

#### 10. Medical Staff Surveys

Doctor MacLaggan discussed a letter from Councilor Taw, protesting the requirement that members of hospital staffs of hospitals surveyed under the program of medical staff surveys be required to sign a statement of acceptance of the Guiding Principles for Physician-Hospital Relations before the hospital may receive an approved rating. The letter pointed out that the Guiding Principles were subject to

change and the staff member was already required to subscribe to the hospital staff bylaws, over which he had some measure of control.

ACTION: Voted to refer question to the Commission on Hospital Affairs, if formed.

#### 11. Report of the President

President Doyle reported on his activities in recent weeks and, in advance of his conclusion of his term as President, expressed thanks to the officers, Councilors, staff and others who had been of service during his term.

#### 12. Commission on Professional Welfare

Doctor Doyle reported on a meeting with medical school deans on the subject of private practice by medical school faculty members. Copies of the minutes of this meeting were ordered prepared for all Council members.

Mr. Hassard gave a status report on the participation in the Association's Keogh retirement plan and stated that amendments have been introduced in the Congress to broaden the plan.

#### 13. Scientific Board

Chairman Shaw reported that the Scientific Board had taken under advisement a proposal that funds for the support of medical libraries be extended in size and in the number of libraries given aid and that a decision on this question was expected in about a month. Doctor Bullock moved that funds for the support of the Library of the Los Angeles County Medical Association be continued pending the report of the Scientific Board.

ACTION: Voted to continue support funds for LACMA Library pending report of the Scientific Board and to so recommend to the reference committee of the House of Delegates.

Doctor Shaw also reported that tuberculosis control measures of the State Department of Public Health had been referred to an ad hoc committee under the chairmanship of Sidney J. Shipman, San Francisco.

#### 14. Ad Hoc Committee on Workmen's Compensation

Chairman Anderson reported that it is hoped that the Governor's Study Commission on Workmen's Compensation will recommend that a medical advisory committee of seven physicians be established in the Industrial Accident Commission, to select independent medical examiners and provide for their compensation without recourse to the interested parties. Bills now before the Legislature have been reviewed by the committee, which believes all policy positions on such bills have been established.

#### 15. State Department of Public Health

Doctor Harold Erickson of the State Department of Public Health reported that the department had submitted to the U.S. Public Health Service a plan for follow-up on draft rejectees. He also reported an increased resistance to the usual tuberculosis drugs in a number of cases by the tubercle bacilli.

#### 16. State Department of Social Welfare

Doctor Lester McDonald of the State Department of Social Welfare reported that the number of physicians treating welfare recipients was increasing, that the scope of the program was also increasing and that costs were mounting.

#### 17. Medical Executives Conference

It was reported that the Medical Executives Conference had elected Olive Neick, executive secretary of the San Francisco Medical Society, as chairman for the coming year.

## 18. Meeting Dates for Coming Year

Approval was given a proposed list of Council meeting dates for the coming year, showing dates of May 8, June 12, August 7, September 18, October 30 and December 11, 1965, and January 16, February 19 and March 20-23, 1966. It was agreed that the Conference of Component Society Officers would be held on January 15, 1966.

#### 19. Committee on Legislation

Chairman Kilroy of the Committee on Legislation presented a legislative bill which would permit a foreign physician not licensed in California to teach and to treat patients in medical schools in California.

ACTION: Voted to favor policy of medical schools' using foreign physicians for teaching purposes so long as they do not practice medicine for fees while not holding a California license.

Mr. Read and Doctor Kilroy also discussed measures to restore supervision and the veto power to local mental health directors under the Short-Doyle program (previously voted to support); to permit county hospitals to employ for as long as 26 months physicians from other states who do not hold California licenses (previously voted to oppose); and to bring about California cooperation with Nevada in a joint commission to study the medical situation at Lake Tahoe.

ACTION: Voted to endorse California's participation in the joint commission on Lake Tahoe medical situation.

A further legislative bill to create two dialysis centers, north and south in California, was held in abeyance pending House of Delegates action on a resolution before it on this subject.

#### 20. Ad Hoc Committee on Radiation Hazards

Doctor Charles E. Grayson, chairman of the ad hoc Committee on Radiation Hazards, presented the committee report, which found that the Advisory Council to the program had not met its full potential, that the philosophy of the program should be educational rather than regulatory, that personnel standards should be upgraded and under the direction of a physician, preferably a radiologist, that support of the program should come from general funds rather than licenses or fees and other recommendations.

ACTION: Committee report accepted, committee commended, committee discharged.

### 21. Commission on Public Agencies

Chairman MacLaggan reported on a meeting with officials of the State Department of Employment, which had asked for competitive bids for physical examinations of large groups of employees requiring screening. The commission pointed out to department officials that item #9001 of the Relative Value Studies should form the appropriate basis of fees for this type of examination.

ACTION: Voted to approve the use of item #9001 of the Relative Value Studies as a basis for fees for physical examinations under the Department of Employment program.

#### 22. State Board of Medical Examiners

Doctor Donald Abbott, president of the State Board of Medical Examiners, reported on problems of medical discipline which face both the board and the California Medical Association. He expressed thanks for the cooperation the Association has given to date and urged that a firm liaison be maintained.

## 23. Committee on Other Professions

Doctor Wayne Pollock, chairman of the Committee on Other Professions, reported on the status of the unification program with the California Osteopathic Association. His report showed that the program has progressed much more rapidly than had been originally anticipated and that former COA members are being rapidly absorbed into component medical societies throughout the state.

## 24. Ad Hoc Committee on Radiology

On motion duly made and seconded, the report submitted by the ad hoc Committee on Radiology, was lifted from the table.

ACTION: Voted to approve report for implementation.

ACTION: Voted to refer to Committee on Committees the naming of an ad hoc committee to implement recommendations in report. (Committee on

Committees subsequently renamed original committee: Burt L. Davis, Chairman, and Doctors John F. Murray, Albert C. Miller, Wilbur G. Rogers, James Dalton and Joseph P. O'Connor, members.)

#### 25. Committee on Committees

Chairman Teall reported that inadvertent drafting of Bylaw amendments had resulted in the proposal that the Committee on Mediation be dissolved, contrary to the wishes of the Committee on Committees. He requested authority to appear before the appropriate reference committee of the House of Delegates to assure the retention of the Committee on Mediation.

ACTION: Authority voted for appearance before Reference Committee No. 4 of the House of Delegates to assure the retention of the Committee on Mediation.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, March 31, 1965, at 8:50 a.m.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., Chairman MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., Secretary

# 510th Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 510th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Mark Hopkins Hotel, March 31, 1965.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson in the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, on Wednesday, March 31, 1965, at 3:30 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Present were President Teall, President-Elect MacLaggan, Speaker Quinn, Vice-Speaker Telford, Editor D. L. Wilbur, Secretary Hosmer and Councilors Wilson, Todd, Gooel, Taw, Bullock, Ham, O'Connor, Rogers, Maguire, R. S. Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Fenlon, Kay, Kaiser, Anderson, Grunigen, Shaw, Doyle, Melone, Isenhour, Yant and Burnett.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas and Whelan of CMA staff, Messrs. Hassard and Huber of legal counsel and others.

#### 1. Election of Officers

On nominations duly made and seconded, the following were unanimously elected to the positions shown: Chairman, Carl E. Anderson; Vice-Chairman, Albert G. Miller.